

**State Agencies' Action Plan Status Report
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LINKING LAND USE DECISIONS AND SALMON RECOVERY						
Lan-1	Adopt Shoreline Management Act (SMA) guidelines and assist local governments	ECY	3.1	415,000	Draft updated shorelines management guidelines.	ECY released new draft guidelines outlining two pathways. The guidelines attempt to balance the local government desire for flexibility and ESA certainty, with the USFWS and NMFS need to prevent further harm to listed species and to implement conservation measures. Public comment was received through August 7, 2000. ECY adopted the new guidelines into rule on November 27, 2000.
					Negotiate with NMFS and USFWS SMA requirements to ensure protection and certainty under ESA.	ECY met USFWS and NMFS requirements to include conservation provisions in Path B of the draft rules. Path B would also provide local governments ESA certainty.
					Conduct workshops and training for local governments and others.	Workshops will be conducted in winter and spring 2001.
Lan-2	Update administrative guidelines for Best Available Science (BAS)	CTED	0.35	39,062	Adopt amendments to the Growth Management Act procedural criteria to include guidance on BAS for local governments' consideration.	Done. Administrative guidelines for BAS were adopted in rules on July 27, 2000. The guidelines became effective August 2000.
					Coordinate amendments with shoreline guidelines update and the Field Office Technical Guides process.	Ongoing
Lan-3	Provide information and technical assistance to support local governments	CTED	0.35	39,062	Develop and compile salmon related information.	Ongoing
					Provide the information, guidance and assistance to local governments.	Ongoing. Wrote 6 letters commenting on Shoreline Master Program amendments and 20 letters on Growth Management Act Critical Areas Ordinances from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.

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Lan-4	Revise guidelines for local Floodplain Management Plans	ECY	0.25	20,000	Prepare revisions to the Comprehensive Planning for Flood Hazard Management Guidebook.	A revised draft guidebook was completed and sent to several state and federal agencies for review (including USFWS and NMFS). Comments will be evaluated and a second draft will be completed by the end of 2000.
					Work with federal agencies to incorporate guidance and policies for ESA compliance.	USFWS, NMFS, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have been involved in reviewing the draft.
Lan-5	Conduct pilot basin-wide integrated flood hazard reduction study (Chehalis Basin)	WSDOT	0.5	1,812,000	Conduct a pilot study to produce a basin-wide flood hazard reduction plan.	Developed alternatives and studies. Lewis County received funds through a memorandum of understanding with WSDOT.
					Develop a planning template for watershed-based flood hazard reduction using the result of the study.	WSDOT provided staff and technical support to the creation of watershed-based information and alternatives for flood hazard reduction. Funded literature review and Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping of recommendations.
Lan-6	Implement the recommendations for a statewide, coordinated approach to reduce flood hazards (HB 3110 (1998))	WSDOT	2.5	500,000	Establish a floodplain management task force to insure a coordinated approach to flood hazard reduction.	The committee convened by WSDOT and ECY to provide guidance for expenditures related to flood management and flood hazard reduction projects receiving advance mitigation funding has been inactive for about one year. ECY reactivated the taskforce which meets and prioritizes tasks and budget.
					Develop a Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) model Cooperating Technical Community to facilitate improvement in floodplain mapping process.	Developed flood management database to assist WSDOT in identifying ways to reduce flood hazards. Project charter was completed, and business process modeling initiated. Research was done on existing flood data examples and standards, and on hydrologic modeling applications.

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Lan-7	Implement Mitigation for transportation project	WSDOT	4.1	6,541,000	Develop and implement watershed-based mitigation proposals for transportation projects.	WDFW, WSDOT, and ECY developed the Alternative Mitigation Policy Guidance as required by 1998 Salmon Recovery Act. The guidance allows development of alternatives to in-kind, off-site compensatory mitigation when alternatives do not present a risk to the environment. The guidance was signed by the three agency directors in February 2000.
					Administer the Advanced Mitigation Revolving Account.	The account was set up and is being administered. Several new projects have been identified. Developing and funding three wetland mitigation banks. Participated in ECY draft Wetland Bank Rules. Developed partnership to implement watershed based projects. Developing uniform reporting system for environmental projects. Developing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) layers of WSDOT hazardous materials sites to use in watershed planning.
Lan-8	Design and promote incentives for non-regulatory land use programs	ECY	0.9	130,000	Provide technical guidance for implementation of non-regulatory, incentive-based, tools by local governments.	In July 1999 ECY published the guidance document "Applying the Public Benefit Rating System - A Watershed Action Tool" and distributed it to all counties. ECY updated and republished the document "Exploring Wetlands Stewardship" and distributed it to local government staff and other stewardship practitioners. Continue to participate in the Pacific Coast Joint Venture.

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Lan-9	Implement Puget Sound wetlands protection	PSAT, ECY, WDFW, DNR	0	989,344	Provide technical and financial assistance and policy support to local governments on wetlands protection and restoration.	<p>WDFW restored 200 acres of estuarine wetlands in Whatcom County through the federal Wetlands Reserve Program; and restored wetlands on WDFW lands. ECY also provided technical assistance and funding support to two local preservation efforts: 1) Qwuloolt acquisition on the Snohomish River (Snohomish County) - a 21 acre restoration of a diked wetland; and 2) Wollochet Bay acquisition of intertidal wetlands (Pierce County).</p> <p>PSAT provided technical assistance to 16 jurisdictions directly or through local liaisons, to multiple jurisdictions at 7 events, and to jurisdictions in King County through the nearshore technical committee. Provided wetland training to staff from state agencies, local governments, and private industry.</p>
					Develop tools and program to preserve and restore wetlands.	<p>A project on "Wetlands Function Assessment" produced a method for assessing functions being performed in wetlands located in western Washington. Methods for Columbia basin wetlands was completed in December 2000.</p> <p>An interagency agreement on alternative mitigation guidance was signed by ECY, WDFW and WSDOT.</p> <p>ECY and WDFW are working to build more wetlands protection into the Nationwide Permit Program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. DNR is implementing provisions of the emergency Forests and Fish rules to protect wetlands.</p> <p>WDFW developed Geographic Information System (GIS) model for wetland inventories on WDFW lands.</p>
					Monitor wetland mitigation sites and implement wetlands mitigation banking legislation.	Developed draft wetland mitigation banking rules. Workshops started in summer 2000 and are ongoing. WDFW initiated evaluation of monitoring techniques for fish and wildlife functions at estuarine restoration sites.

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Lan-10	Complete the 20 year Washington Transportation Plan	WSDOT	0.7	143,400	Develop an environmental screening process for transportation projects consistent with the 20 year Washington Transportation Plan vision and goals.	Project scope and a six-year workplan were developed, along with a decision package for automated system development. Completed documentation of 1997 research project.
Lan-11	Complete Reinvent National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pilot projects	WSDOT	0.85	239,200	Establish a transportation decision-making process to address environmental concerns on a broad geographical area and in the early phase of transportation project planning and select three transportation projects to test the revised process.	Revisions were made to NEPA reinvention process. Hosted workshops. Selected State Routes SR-104, SR-20, SR-405 to test the process. The testing process is underway.
Lan-12	Approve transfer of Class IV general forest practices permits to local governments	DNR	0	-	Review/approve local governments ordinances to administer Class IV general forest practices permits.	DNR has successfully transferred Class IV general forest practices to three counties. A few more local governments are working on this, however, several have said they do not have the funding to carry out this work. DNR will give an update on this to the Forest Practices Board.

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Lan-13	Prevent, control and monitor spread of aquatic nuisance species	WSNWCB, WDFW, ECY, WDA	3.2	265,000	Establish and support the Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinating committee.	The committee was established in June 2000 (75% participants). Sub-committees were formed to address six major issues (e.g. interaction between aquatic nuisance and salmon). Legislation was drafted and passed in 2000. It provides the authority to regulate water discharges from ships (ballast water).
					Prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species by expanding (by rule) the aquatic plant quarantine list.	ECY submitted a prioritized list of aquatic nursery and aquarium plants to WDA. ECY has also updated its aquatic weeds website, is working on a plant identification manual, and made 10 grant offers in FY00. WDFW and DNR conducted weed control on their agencies' land to halt the spread of Spartina and other weeds. Efforts to control Saltcedar (uses large amount of water and leaves salt in the soil) were conducted with five counties in central Washington.
					Implement and update the Aquatic Nuisance Species Management Plan issued June 1998.	Draft plan update is anticipated by the end of 2000. WDFW implemented the Green Crab Coastal Monitoring and Control Program and the Zebra Mussel Monitoring Program. WDFW also trained volunteers to monitor the aquatic nuisance species in over 80 locations in Puget Sound and several locations in eastern Washington.

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Lan-14	Implement restoration/protection for Parks properties	Parks	0.65	55,000	Initiate habitat inventory assessments and Salmon-in-Parks Plans for state parks with listed salmon.	Research and review salmon distribution and status data with WDFW, and Geographical Information System (GIS) capability for Parks to access the data. Prepared a PowerPoint presentation for internal Parks' use to inform staff of task, available information and approach protocol for inventory and assessments in state parks. Recruited and used volunteers to supplement staff. Presently recruiting an additional staff as a Salmon Recovery Coordinator to finalize research protocol, initiate inventory for all, and complete inventory for first 50% of state parks.
Subtotal			17.45	11,188,068		